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## **Sen. Schauer: Aviation Hub Grows Stronger** *Airports awarded over \$2.5 Million for Projects*

**BATTLE CREEK --** Two of Michigan's strongest aviation assets will soon get even better because of funds totaling over \$2.5 Million being presented today by Gloria Jeff, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

State Senator Mark Schauer (D- Battle Creek) was also on hand for the public announcement at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport.

"As Michigan assumes its place in the global economy, it is vital that our aviation centers are well equipped to help propel us forward," said Sen. Mark Schauer. "These resources will ensure that the airports in our region will be leaders in that movement."

The Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport will receive \$2.5 million to shift one of its main runways to meet Federal Aviation Administration standards.

Funding totaling \$61,500 is also being presented to W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek for use in two projects. One award, worth \$40,000, is for a study that will examine at potential wetland mitigation sites and the second, worth \$21,500, will fund a study to look at "Runway Safety" to ensure the all airport safety areas comply with FAA regulations.

"Together, these airports provide a strong aviation hub for our region, the state and the entire Midwest," said Sen. Schauer. "The improvements will only help strengthen their role."

The funding for these projects is provided by the Aeronautics Commission and is not actually paid until the projects are completed. Final funding will be determined by actual, rather than projected costs.

Any question regarding specifics of the projects including timing, scope and contractor selection can be directed to airport management staff.

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